

Implications of the Dimension Two Gluon Condensate on the Deconfined Phase of QCD

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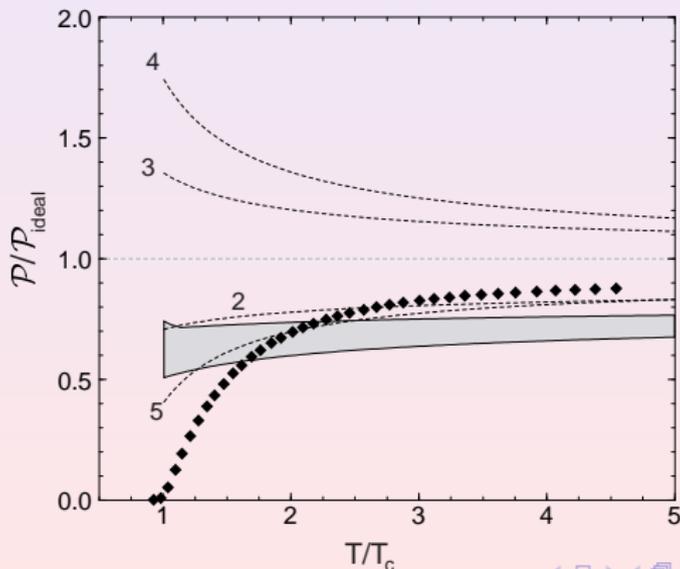
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Motivation

Pressure of Gluodynamics

Weak Coupling Expansion and Resummed Perturbation Theory
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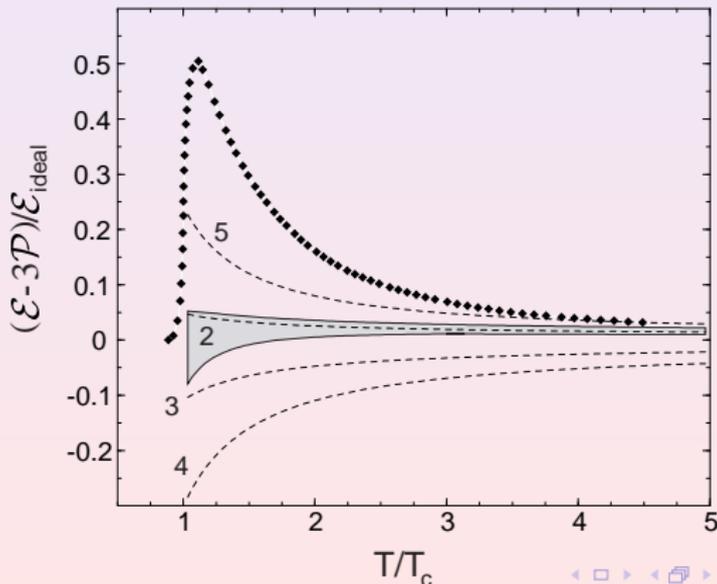


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Interaction measure in Gluodynamics

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Trace Anomaly

QCD Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = -\frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a + \sum_f \bar{q}_f^a (i\gamma_\mu D_\mu - m_f) q_f^a;$$

In the limit of massless quarks ($m_f = 0$), it is **Invariant under scale** ($\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \lambda\mathbf{x}$) **and chiral Left** \leftrightarrow **Right transformations**.

The “Classical ” scale invariance is broken by quantum effects. They introduce a mass scale Λ_{QCD} . Under a scale transformation ($\mu \rightarrow e^\sigma \mu$):

$$g \rightarrow g + \sigma\beta(g) \quad \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} + \sigma\beta(g) \frac{\partial}{\partial g} \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}.$$

The **scale anomaly** can be computed as the trace of the energy-momentum tensor, so it is also known as **Trace Anomaly**:

$$\theta_\mu^\mu = \beta(g) \frac{\partial}{\partial g} \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \frac{\beta(g)}{2g} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a$$

At finite temperature, from the partition function of Gluodynamics Z :

$$-\frac{\partial \log Z}{\partial(1/4g_0^2)} = \frac{V}{T} \langle (\bar{G}_{\mu\nu}^a)^2 \rangle.$$

After renormalization and using standard thermodynamics relations:

$$\left(4 - T \frac{\partial}{\partial T}\right) \frac{-T}{V} \log Z = \frac{\beta(g)}{2g} \langle (G_{\mu\nu}^a)^2 \rangle = \langle \theta_\mu^\mu \rangle = \epsilon - 3p.$$

The trace anomaly is related to the interaction measure

$\Delta \equiv (\epsilon - 3P)/T^4$. In PT up to two loops (J.I.Kapusta (1979)):

$$\frac{\epsilon - 3p}{T^4} = \frac{N_c(N_c^2 - 1)}{1152\pi^2} \beta_0 g(T)^4 + \mathcal{O}(g^5)$$

- **Lattice data predicts a violent behaviour in powers of T .** (Many groups: G. Boyd et al, NPB (1996), Y. Aoki et al (2006), ...).
- **PT predicts a smooth dependence on T ,** because $g(T) \sim \log(T)$, so it is unable to reproduce this power behaviour, even if more and more orders are included (Andersen, Ann.Phys.317,2005).

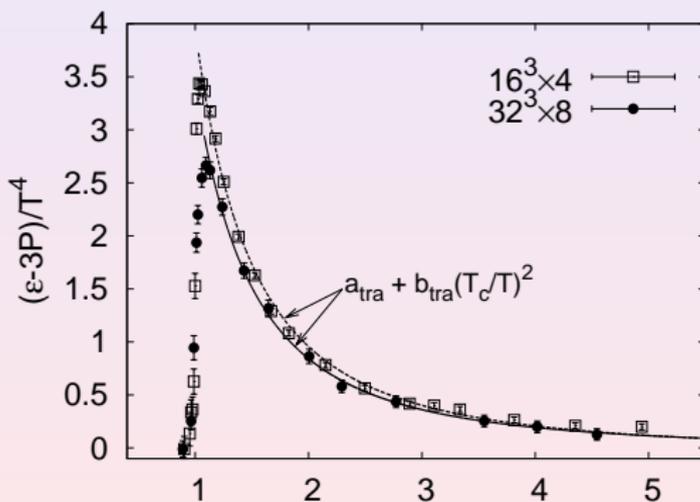
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Power temperature corrections from Lattice data

Trace Anomaly $N_C = 3, N_f = 0$

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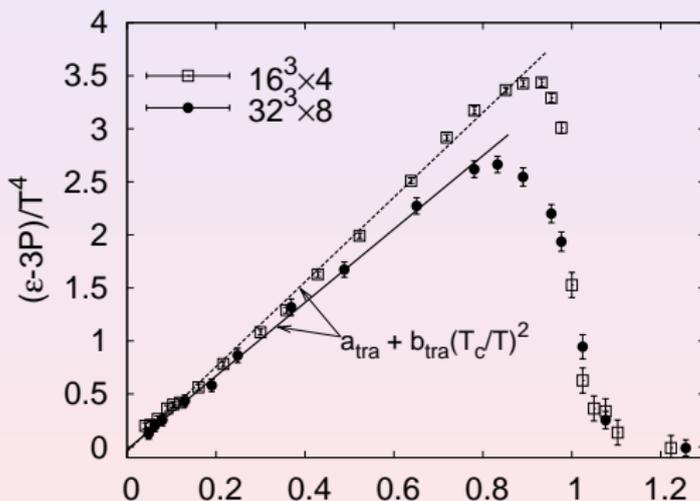


$$\frac{\epsilon - 3P}{T^4} = a_P + \frac{a_{\text{NP}}}{T^2}, \quad a_{\text{NP}} = (3.46 \pm 0.13) T_c^2, \quad 1.13 T_c < T < 4.5 T_c.$$

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Scale invariance and confinement

Consider a rectangular Wilson loop:

$$W(C) = \exp \left(ig \int_C A_\mu dx^\mu \right)$$

It is related to the potential $V_{q\bar{q}}(R)$ acting between charges q and \bar{q} :

$$W(C) \rightarrow \exp(-TV_{q\bar{q}}(R))$$

Scale transformations: $T \rightarrow \lambda T$, $R \rightarrow \lambda R$,

The only scale invariant solution is the Coulomb Potential:

$$V_{q\bar{q}} \sim \frac{1}{R}$$

Running coupling and string tension break scale invariance:

$$V_{q\bar{q}}(r) = -\frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s(R)}{R} + \sigma R.$$

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Polyakov loop and dimension two gluon condensate

E.Megías et al, JHEP 0601 (2006).

The vacuum expectation value of the Polyakov loop serves as an **order parameter for the deconfinement phase transition in gluodynamics**:

$$\mathbf{L} = \frac{1}{N_c} \langle \text{tr}_c \Omega \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{N_c} \left\langle \text{tr}_c \mathcal{P} \left(e^{ig \int_0^{1/T} dx_0 A_0(\vec{x}, x_0)} \right) \right\rangle.$$

\mathcal{P} denotes path ordering. In the Polyakov gauge ($\partial_0 A_0(\vec{x}, x_0) = 0$) a **gaussian approximation** is possible:

$$\mathbf{L} = \frac{1}{N_c} \left\langle \text{tr}_c e^{ig A_{0,a} T_a / T} \right\rangle \longrightarrow \exp \left[-\frac{g^2 \langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle}{4N_c T^2} \right].$$

- Cumulant expansion and vacuum saturation of condensates ($\langle A_0^{2k} \rangle = (2k-1)!! \langle A_0^2 \rangle^k + \text{n.v.c.}$) are applied.
- Contribution from $\langle A_0^4 \rangle$ starts at $\mathcal{O}(g^6)$. So, it is valid up to $\mathcal{O}(g^5)$.

The dynamics of $A_0(\vec{x})$ can be described by the **dimensional reduced effective theory** of QCD (S.Nadkarni PRD27 (1983)):

$$\mathcal{L}'_{\text{QCD}} = -\frac{1}{T} \text{tr}([D_i, A_0]^2) + \frac{m_D^2}{T} \text{tr}(A_0^2) + \dots$$

$D_{00}(\vec{k})\delta_{ab}$ is the propagator of the canonical fields $T^{-1/2}A_{0,a}(\vec{x})$. The integration of the propagator is related to the vacuum expectation value of the gluon fields (**the dimension two gluon condensate**):

$$\langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle = (N_c^2 - 1)T \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} D_{00}(\vec{k}).$$

Perturbative contribution (at leading order):

$$D_{00}^{\text{P}}(\vec{k}) = \frac{1}{\vec{k}^2 + m_D^2}; \quad \langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle_{\text{P}} = -\frac{(N_c^2 - 1)Tm_D}{4\pi} \sim T^2.$$

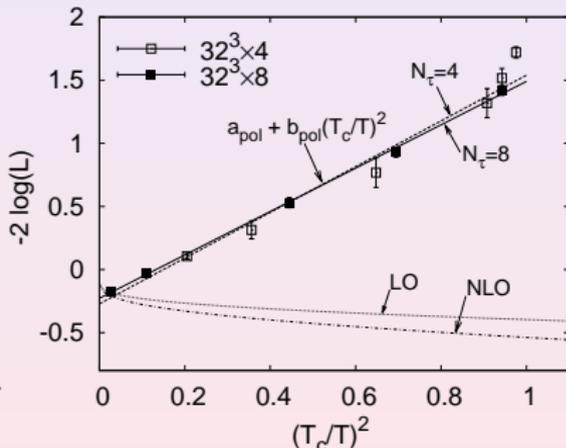
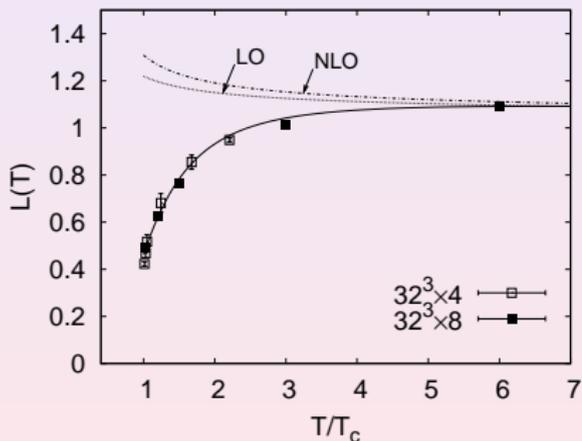
Leading order of E.Gava PLB105 (1981). It reproduces lattice data above $\sim 6T_D$. **Below $6T_D$ non perturbative effects become important.**

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Power temperature corrections in the Polyakov loop

Renormalized Polyakov Loop $N_c = 3, N_f = 0$ O. Kaczmarek et al. PLB543 (2002).



$$-2 \log(L) = a_p + \frac{a_{NP}}{T^2}, \quad a_{NP} = (1.81 \pm 0.13) T_c^2, \quad 1.03 T_c < T < 6 T_c.$$

Perturbative result fails to reproduce lattice data in this regime.

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Non Perturbative model

Consider **new phenomenological pieces** in the gluon propagator to take into account for **non perturbative contributions** (E.Megías JHEP0601(2006), see also K.G.Chetyrkin et al, NPB550 (1999)):

$$D_{00}(\vec{k}) = \underbrace{D_{00}^P(\vec{k})}_{\sim 1/k^2} + \underbrace{D_{00}^{NP}(\vec{k})}_{\sim 1/k^4}; \quad D_{00}^{NP}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{m_G^2}{(k^2 + m_D^2)^2}, \quad m_G^2 > 0.$$

It produces a **non perturbative contribution to the gluon condensate**:

$$\langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle = \underbrace{\langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle_P}_{\sim T^2} + \underbrace{\langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle_{NP}}_{\sim T^0}; \quad \langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle_{NP} = \frac{(N_c^2 - 1) T m_D^2}{8\pi m_D} \sim T^0.$$

Adding perturbative and non perturbative contributions:

$$-2 \log \mathbf{L} = \frac{g^2 \langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle_{NP}}{2N_c T^2} = \underbrace{-\frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} \frac{g^2 m_D}{4\pi T}}_{\text{Pert.} \sim \log(T)} + \underbrace{\frac{g^2 \langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle_{NP}}{2N_c T^2}}_{\text{Non Pert.} \sim 1/T^2} \equiv a_P + \frac{a_{NP}}{T^2}.$$

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Non Perturbative contributions in the Free Energy

Correlation functions of Polyakov loops define the free energy of a heavy $\bar{q}q$ pair (O.Kaczmarek et al, PLB543(2002)):

$$e^{-F_{q\bar{q}}(\vec{x}, T)/T + c(T)} = \frac{1}{N_c^2} \langle \text{tr}_c \Omega(\vec{x}) \text{tr}_c \Omega^\dagger(\vec{0}) \rangle.$$

Pert. evaluation of Free Energy \Rightarrow Expand Ω in powers of gA_0 :

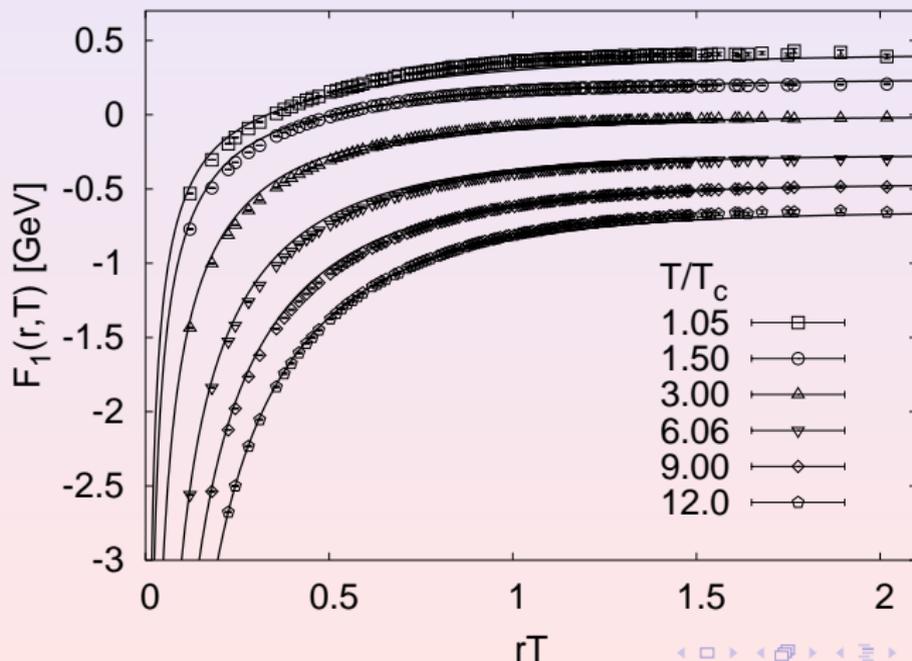
$$\langle A_{0,a}(\vec{x}) A_{0,b}(\vec{y}) \rangle = \delta_{ab} T \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot(\vec{x}-\vec{y})} \underbrace{D_{00}(\vec{k})}_{D_{00}^P + D_{00}^{NP}}.$$

At leading order ($\mathcal{O}(g^2)$) and next to leading order ($\mathcal{O}(g^3)$):

$$F_1(r, T) = -\frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} \left(\frac{g^2}{4\pi r} + \frac{1}{N_c^2 - 1} \frac{g^2 \langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle_{NP}}{T} \right) e^{-m_D r} - \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} \frac{g^2 m_D}{4\pi} + \frac{1}{2N_c} \frac{g^2 \langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle_{NP}}{T}.$$

Singlet Free Energy $N_C = 3, N_f = 0$

Lattice data (O. Kaczmarek PRD70 (2004)) vs NP model



Asymptotic limits

Taking the asymptotic limits:

- **$T \rightarrow 0$** : $F_1(r, T) \stackrel{T \rightarrow 0}{\sim} -\frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} \frac{g^2}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r} + \underbrace{\frac{g^3 \langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle^{NP}}{2N_c}}_{\equiv \sigma} r \equiv V_{q\bar{q}}(r).$

$V_{q\bar{q}}(r)$ well known from lattice: S.Necco NPB622(2002).

- **$r \rightarrow \infty$** : $F_\infty(T) = F_1(r \rightarrow \infty, T) = -\frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} \frac{g^2 m_D}{4\pi} + \frac{g^2 \langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle^{NP}}{2N_c T}.$
 $L(T) = e^{-F_\infty(T)/2T}$ also known from lattice: O.Kaczmarek.

From a fit of $V_{q\bar{q}}$ at $T = 0$ ($F_1(r, T = 0)$):

$$\sigma = (0.42(1) \text{ GeV})^2 \implies g^2 \langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle^{NP} = (0.82(2) \text{ GeV})^2.$$

From a fit of the Polyakov loop ($F_1(r = \infty, T)$):

$$a_{NP} = (0.49(4) \text{ GeV})^2 \implies g^2 \langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle^{NP} = (0.84(4) \text{ GeV})^2.$$

These values agree with $\frac{1}{4} g^2 \langle A_{\mu,a}^2 \rangle_{T=0} = (0.8 - 1.8 \text{ GeV})^2.$

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Non perturbative contribution to the Trace Anomaly

Our model assumes the leading NP contribution to be encoded in the $A_{0,a}$ field. Taking $A_{i,a} = 0$:

$$\langle G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a \rangle^{NP} = 2 \langle \partial_i A_{0,a} \partial_i A_{0,a} \rangle^{NP} = -6m_D^2 \langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle^{NP} \sim T^2.$$

It reproduces the thermal behaviour of the trace anomaly:

$$\epsilon - 3p = \frac{\beta(g)}{2g} \langle (G_{\mu\nu}^a)^2 \rangle = \underbrace{(\text{Pert.})}_{\sim T^4} - \underbrace{3g^2 \langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle^{NP} \frac{\beta(g)}{g}}_{\sim T^2} T^2.$$

Values of the dimension two gluon condensate from a fit of:

Observable	$g^2 \langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle_{NP}$
Polyakov loop	$(3.22 \pm 0.07 T_c)^2$
Heavy $\bar{q}q$ free energy	$(3.33 \pm 0.19 T_c)^2$
Trace Anomaly	$(2.86 \pm 0.24 T_c)^2$

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General Formalism

The non-perturbative model can be applied to any thermal observable. Let Θ be an operator g -independent. The expectation value is:

$$\langle \Theta \rangle = \frac{Z_\Theta}{Z}, \quad Z_\Theta = \int \prod_{\mu,a} \mathcal{D}A_{\mu,a} e^{-\int d^4x \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}(x)} \Theta$$

From Renormalization Group requirements

$$\left(\gamma_\Theta + T \frac{\partial}{\partial T} - r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) \log \langle \Theta \rangle = -\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}} \log \langle \Theta \rangle,$$

where γ_Θ is the anomalous dimension. Because Λ_{QCD} is the only scale of QCD, the tachyonic gluon mass should depend on it. We take

$$m_G^2 = f(g) \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2.$$

The final result is:

$$\left(\gamma_\Theta + \sum_i \mu_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_i} \right) \log \langle \Theta \rangle = \frac{\beta(g)}{2g} \int d^4x \left(\langle (G_{\mu\nu}^a)^2 \rangle_\Theta - \langle (G_{\mu\nu}^a)^2 \rangle \right) \\ - \left(1 + \frac{\beta(g)}{2} \left(\frac{2}{g} - \frac{f'(g)}{f(g)} \right) \right) m_G^2 \int d^4x \left(\langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle_\Theta - \langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle \right).$$

It imposes a constraint relation:

$$\left(1 + \frac{\beta(g)}{2} \left(\frac{2}{g} - \frac{f'(g)}{f(g)} \right) \right) = 0 \quad \text{equivalent to} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \Lambda_{QCD}} \left(\frac{m_G^2}{g^2} \right) = 0$$

The result is $\beta_{NP}(\mathbf{g}) \sim \mathbf{g}$ in the NP regime $\implies \alpha_{NP}(\mathbf{T}) \sim 1/\mathbf{T}^2$

(similar to Analytic PT: $\alpha(\mu) = \alpha_{\text{pert}}(\mu) + \frac{4\pi}{\beta_0} \frac{\Lambda_{QCD}^2}{\Lambda_{QCD}^2 - \mu^2}$). Comments:

- m_G signals an explicit breaking of scale invariance.

- This formula reproduces previous formulas for:

- Polyakov loop: $\Theta = \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr}_c \Omega(\mathbf{x})$.

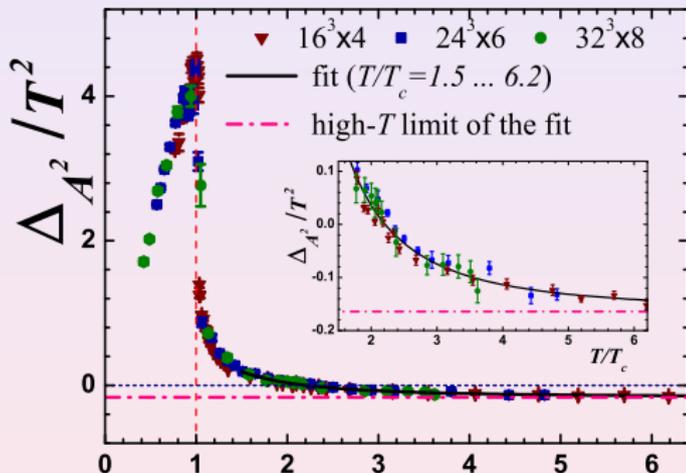
- Heavy $\bar{q}q$ free energy: $\Theta = \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr}_c \Omega(\mathbf{x}) \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr}_c \Omega^\dagger(\mathbf{y})$.

- Pressure and Trace Anomaly: $\epsilon - 3p = \frac{\beta(g)}{2g} \langle (G_{\mu\nu}^a)^2 \rangle$

Further checks of the model

Gluon asymmetry $N_c = 2, N_f = 0$

Lattice data (M. Chernodub (2008), arXiv:0805.3714)



$$\Delta A^2 = g^2 \langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle - \frac{1}{3} \sum_i g^2 \langle A_{i,a}^2 \rangle$$

$$\Delta A^2 / T^2 \sim 1 / T^2$$

T/T_c

$$g^2 \langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle = \underbrace{g^2 \langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle^P}_{\sim T^2} + \underbrace{g^2 \langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle^{NP}}_{\sim \text{cte}} \implies g^2 \langle A_{0,a}^2 \rangle / T^2 = a_p + a_{NP} / T^2.$$

Conclusions:

- Trace anomaly, like other thermal observables in QCD (Polyakov loop, heavy $\bar{q}q$ free energy, pressure, energy density, entropy density), has a **non perturbative behaviour near and above T_c characterized by power corrections in T .**
- We propose a simple model to describe this behaviour. **Non perturbative contributions come from the dimension two gluon condensate $\langle A_0^2 \rangle_{NP}$.**
- Renormalization Group arguments help to extend the model to any thermal observable.
- $\langle A_0^2 \rangle_{NP}$ can be chosen to fit thermal observables. Its value agrees for all of them, and it is remarkably close to existing studies at $T = 0$. This result seems to imply an **unified and coherent description of thermal observables in terms of the dimension two gluon condensate.**